

Suitland Federal Building -4

Abatement, Relocation, Design, and Build-Out Status Report

2300 Wing Space Issues:

Work began this week in the Navy Ice Center section of the 2300 Wing corridor. The corridor is scheduled to receive new floor tiles and paint to match the newly renovated section of the corridor. Thus far the walls have been prepped for painting. This work will continue nightly until it is completed.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has ordered the window blinds for rooms 2318 & 2320. The order should take four to five weeks for delivery. [Link to Pictures](#)

0200 Wing Space Issues:

SOCC Renovation Project

The General Services Administration (GSA) has solicited bids for the construction of the new Satellite Operations Control Center (SOCC) launch control area. This construction contract will have two Phases. Phase I entails the completion (by July 17, 2000) of the Computer Room to accept the new Ground Computer System. Phase II includes the completion of the remaining area by September 30, 2000.

<http://www.oso.noaa.gov/buildout>

The security doors entering the SOCC's computer room are still pending relocation by GSA. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requested that GSA construct security doors or a temporary barrier to allow access into this area.

The Earth Station (ES) contractor is two weeks away from receiving materials to complete the relocation of the ES cables from the old launch control room area. Upon relocation of cables, GSA will demolish the remaining walls in the old Launch Control Room (LCR) area. Cables in the 0200 wing telephone closet will remain intact during construction. GSA has determined that these cables will not hinder construction.

0100 Wing Issues:

The new Launch Control Room has been completed; power poles were removed, and ceiling tiles were replaced. GSA has completed final cleaning and touch-up painting.

Modular Building:

The space proposed for NOAA is 95% complete. GSA approved the scope of work for the outside plant connection from the 0100 LAN room to the modular telephone closet. This work is scheduled for completion next week. Additional power outlets are still pending for the system furniture, Video Teleconferencing equipment and the telephone closet. GSA has indicated that all power requirements will be installed by March 23, 2000.

The sidewalk and stairs for the front entrance is available for access, the entrance is not ADA compliant at this time. [Link to pictures](#)

Abatement:

Removal of Cray C90 Super Computer - Suitland

NOAA/The National Weather Service and the General Services Administration (GSA) are coordinating the removal of the Cray C90 super computer from the 1300 Wing of Federal Building Four (FOB4). Abatement of the area will be necessary. Computer room floor tiles will only be removed from areas within the containment perimeter. Abatement will only include vacuuming and cleaning within the perimeter of the C90. NWS contractors will be responsible for disconnecting the power, and cooling coil cables from the AC units.

Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting was conducted in Suitland on Friday, March 17, 2000. Below are some of the issues that were discussed:

Relocation of Satellite Operations Control Center

- 1st Phase was the asbestos abatement and renovation of the rear half of the 2300 Wing

Activities relocated:

- Product Systems branch of OSDPD
 - SOCC contractor support
 - Visiting headquarters offices and conference room
 - Relocation of SOCC schedulers to 0100 Wing
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- 2nd phase currently being completed is the establishment of SOCC Conference Room/ Training Room in the Modular Buildings and a second Launch Control Room in the 0100 Wing.

- Final phase is the asbestos abatement and renovation of the old Headquarters area on the 2nd floor head house and the front of the 0200 Wing.
 - Asbestos abatement completed
 - Construction Scheduled to begin April 1st
 - The computer room is scheduled for completion by June 15th and the entire SOCC is to be completed by September 4th. The bid document also has an option asking the contractors to bid on an accelerated completion date of August 4th.
- Mitigation of health, safety and mission disruption concerns.
 - A project management team of GSA, NOAA Facilities and NESDIS personnel has been established and has jointly developed this plan. They will meet weekly during the construction phase.
 - GSA and NOAA Facilities will have engineers on-site to meet daily with the construction contractor's superintendent to discuss schedule and to assure health and safety criteria are being met.
 - GSA's and NOAA's Environmental Compliance and Safety Division reviewed the construction plans and provided guidelines that will be followed.

These include:

- Full asbestos containment procedures for any floor penetrations,
- Air quality monitoring in adjacent areas including above and below the work site
- Scheduling of loud noise activities after normal work hours
- The contract also specifies a moratorium on construction work for 24 hours before the May GOES satellite launch and three after. The same applies for the scheduled August Polar launch.

Medical Management Update

MEMORANDUM TO: All NOAA Employees in FB3 and FB4

FROM: Susan Kennedy
Chief, Facilities Office

SUBJECT: Asbestos Baseline Physicals and X-rays

NOAA has awarded the asbestos baseline physicals and x-rays to its current health care contractor, Hummer Associates (Hummer). Those employees in Suitland who pulled cables above ceiling or below floors and those who regularly worked in areas where cable pulling occurred should have both the physical and x-ray. Starting March 6, physicals will be given at the *World Weather Building's Health Unit*. Please call (301) 763-8304 to arrange an appointment. The x-ray will be done at Heritage Imaging and MRI Center, on a walk in basis. A master list of employees has been compiled by Barbara Boyd for NESDIS at (301) 713-9210 ext. 147, and Bill McCracken for NWS at 1 (301) 763-8000 ext. 7118. This list will be provided to the Health Unit.

Drinking water tests at FOB 3 and 4 showed levels of lead at some locations. Therefore, lead blood test will be made available to employees free of charge at the Suitland Health Unit, World Weather Building Health Unit and the SSMC II Health Unit on a walk in basis. If you have any questions please call Mr. Roy McCullough at (301) 713-1954.

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